

RECEIVED

MAR 0 8 2004

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:

H. V. Owens, Jr.

Art Unit: 1623

In re:

Applicant:

EPSHTEIN

Serial No.:

09/117,838

Filed:

08/12/1998

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CF 1.137b

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, MA 22313-1450

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

This application became abandoned for failure to file a timely response. It is respectfully submitted that the delay in filing the required response from the date it was due until filing of a grantable petition under 37 CF 1.137(b) was unintentional, and therefore the abandonment of the application is unintentional.

With the present petition applicant submits a Request for Continuing Examination and a Simultaneous Amendment. Also, the required fee is submitted herewith as well.

It is therefore respectfully requested to revive the application based on the unintentional delay and to continue the prosecution with the claims and arguments presented in the Simultaneous Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilya Zborovsky Agent for Appli Reg. No. 2856